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News worth sharing.



City fires OC Transpo chief

No reason given ◆ Mercier to receive some \$260K in severance

Alain Mercier was fired from his job as general manager of OC Transpo Wednesday.

City manager Kent Kirkpatrick made the decision and informed Mercier that he was no longer needed at OC Transpo on Wednesday morning, said Transit Commission chair Diane Deans.

Mercier was given a compensation package worth approximately \$260,000, Deans said.

Kirkpatrick announced the change after city councillors discussed the issue in camera over the lunch hour.

Former general manager of Public Works John Manconi is now the general manager of OC Transpo.

"It's important to highlight that John (Manconi) has succeeded before in leading a large organizational renewal, including rebuilding a senior management team, restoring front-line morale, building and maintaining an effective working relationship with a union and championing a client-service

focus in the workforce," said Kirkpatrick.

No reason was given for why Mercier was fired.

Mercier became the general manager of OC Transpo in January 2007. He oversaw many changes to the public-transportation system, most recently the Network Optimization Plan, which saw \$20 million cut from the system in September and about \$5.5 million put back in January of this year.

The optimization scheme was unpopular with passengers.

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 279 president Garry Queale said the firing is "a big morale booster" for the union's front-line members.

"Over the past few years that Mr. Mercier was here, a lot of the membership directed the morale problems, unfortunately, at Alain Mercier," he said, "and with him being out of the picture, Mr. Manconi can come in and right the ship."

Queale said he is not very famil-



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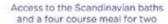
him Wednesday and will meet with him soon.

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Man tells of Tunisian terror

- University of Ottawa grad says he was beaten by police in north African country
- Recovering from facial injuries he says were caused after an altercation at traffic stop



A Canadian citizen says he was beaten by police officers in Tunisia last Wednesday and wants the Canadian government to intervene in an investigation as he waits for consular help in the capital, Tunis.

Walid Gouadria, 30, a University of Ottawa graduate, said he returned to his native Tunisia after mass anti-government protests swept the country early last year.

A week ago he and his cousin, Adel Samoudi had an altercation with a group of police officers at a traffic stop, he said Wednesday when reached by telephone. When the cops started being verbally abusive and using "demeaning" language, Gouadria said he recorded the incident with his iPhone.

"They did not like the fact that I recorded their misbehaviour and they wanted to take the phone from me," said Gouadria from his home in Sfax, about 270 kilometres from southeast of Tunis.

That's when the officers allegedly punched him repeatedly in the stomach and face and one officer kicked him the eye with his boot.

Gouadria said he and Samoudi were driven to a police station where they were beaten again until a head officer intervened. Gouadria is recovering from his injuries at home.

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under the eye, the sinus, the nose, and I have my back bruised" he said. "Majorly, it's the face that hurts."

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade said it is verifying reports of a Canadian citizen assaulted in Tunisia

"Canadian consular officials in Tunis stand ready to provide consular assistance," said Aliya Mawani, a spokesperson for DFAIT.

Gouadria said the Canadian embassy couldn't identify him over the phone because he left his

identification and passport in Tunis, but now that he is feeling better, he will retrieve the documents Thursday. He hopes the Canadian government can protect him.

Gouadria said Canada's involvement could pressure Tunisian authorities

to investigate the matter and deter police from retaliating.

"Just in case things go wrong here it would be nice to feel backed up by Canada," he said. "If they show that they're watching this case ... people will back off"

Crash claims three lives

A father and son from Orleans and a woman from Mountain Grove were killed when their vans collided with each other on Highway 7 near Perth Wednesday.

The fatal collision occurred near Maberly and Sharbot Lake at approximately 7:25 a.m.

OPP said the driver of the westbound van, John

Duffy, 47, and his son, Thomas Duffy, 16, were pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the eastbound van, Karen Thompson, 39, was also pronounced dead at the scene.

Two passengers who were travelling with Duffy and his son — a 53-year-old man and a 10-year-old boy — were transported by ambulance to the Perth hospital with serious injuries. OPP said the 10-year-old was later transported to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. The identities of the passengers haven't been released.

OPP said the westbound vehicle lost control and was struck by the eastbound vehicle.

JOE LOFARO

Family of dead cyclist thanks police, paramedics

The family of a 32-year-old Ottawa cyclist who died in hospital Sunday after he was struck by a vehicle nearly three weeks ago, released a statement to police Wednesday.

Nathan Anderson was hit by an alleged drunk driver on Carling Avenue on Feb. 2.

"Our gratitude goes out son's death. • JOE LOFARO

to all the police officers and emergency services personnel who were so close and acted so quickly that they managed to get Nathan to the trauma unit with his heart still beating," the family said in the statement.

Glen Carkner, 44, has been charged in Anderson's death. © IOE LOFARO





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Major projects OK'd at mega-meeting

• Milestone city-council meeting sees approval of Lansdowne Park reports, stricter smoking ban, water rate hike and double-A baseball at Ottawa Stadium



City councillors approved a raft of major projects and plans on Wednesday, including a water rate hike, a deal to bring double-A baseball to Ottawa, a stricter smoking ban and key steps in the Lansdowne Park project.

Councillors said yes to boosting water rates by 74 per cent over the next decade, with an almost immediate six per cent jump. The initial hit will up the average bill to about \$668 a year from

Smoke signal

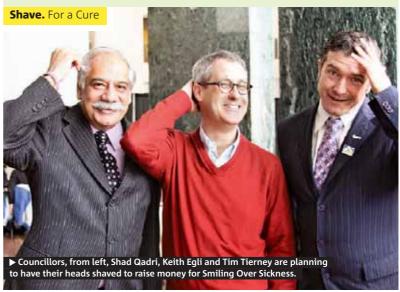
Bylaw officers will begin laying fines on July 2 for smoking on restaurant and bar patios and on city property, in parks and on beaches, after an education campaign and a warning period.

A deal to lease the Ottawa Stadium to Beacon Sports Capital Partners, on condition they bring a double-A baseball team affiliated with a majorleague team for the 2013 season, also got the green light. The name of the team that will be moved

from the U.S. to Ottawa has been a closely guarded secret, but should be revealed in the coming weeks, said Coun, Rick Chiarelli, a proponent of pro ball in Ottawa.

A ban on smoking on restaurant and bar patios, and on city property, parks and beaches, was also approved with little dissent.

Finally, councillors approved several reports on the redevelopment of Lansdowne, including a plan for traffic management in the Glebe, the lease and sale of air rights for the new buildings and program planning.



As a charity event, this is shear genius

Three Ottawa city councillors are planning to shave their pates at the University of Ottawa's Shave for a Cure event on Friday. Shad Qadri, Keith Egli and Tim Tierney will go under the razor to raise money for Smiling Over Sickness, which helps volunteers contribute to the lives of children who have cancer. The charity is run by the University of Ottawa faculty of medicine, and Shave for a Cure is an annual benefit. The shaving takes place at 7 p.m. at the J. Benson Cartage Centre in Lansdowne Park.



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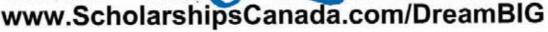
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Job website not working

• Feds mum on why job-search site is undergoing security upgrades



The federal government employment website workingincanada.gc.ca has been offline all week with a notice telling job seekers it is "temporarily unavailable due to technical difficulties."

A spokesperson for Human Resources and Skills

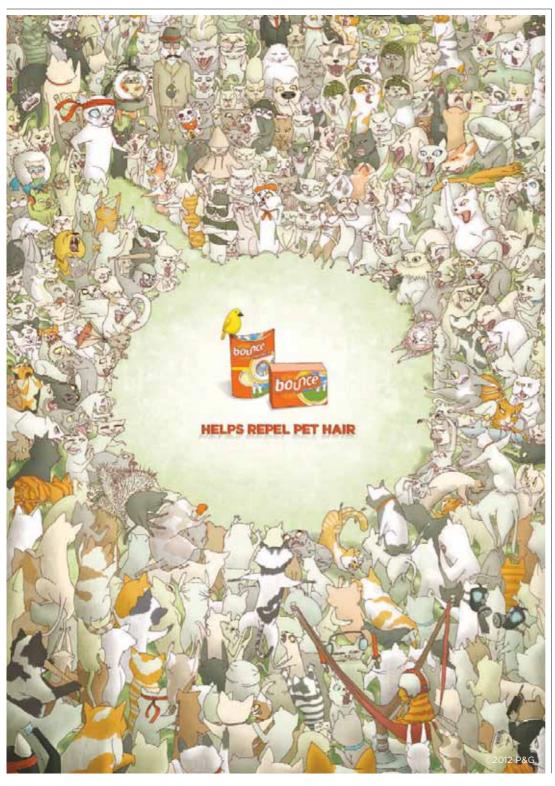
Development Canada said it is "currently undergoing security upgrades" and did not answer whether those upgrades were planned or unplanned, or if the job bank was the target of hacking.

"Job Bank is committed to ensuring that job posting information is secure,



accurate, and timely to support Canadians in their search for employment," the spokesperson wrote in an email to Metro on Monday.

Monday.
On Monday, the spokesperson said the website was expected to be working in the next couple of days.





Doing lunch for Daron

Do It For Daron held a pizza lunch Wednesday to raise funds and awareness about mental-health issues. The charity was founded by the friends and family of Daron Richardson, who took own her life at age 14.

South-end drug bust leads to charges for two men

Two Ottawa men face drugtrafficking charges after police executed two search warrants Tuesday in the city's south end.

Police executed search warrants in the 1900 block of Prince of Wales Drive as well as the 2800 block of Cedarwood Drive.

Police said they seized

\$145,000

Total street value of drugs seized in raid.

large quantities of cocaine, hashish, OxyContin, marijuana, hydromorphine and nabilone.

They also seized an undisclosed amount of Canadian money.

John White, 49, and Anthony Pugliese, 46, were both charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking and proceeds of crime.

The two accused were to appear in court Wednesday.

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Nabbed ... after decade on the lam

A convicted child molester who has been on the run from U.S. authorities for a decade has been captured in Canada.

Steven Dyer is wanted in Arizona after failing to show up for a court appearance.

He was convicted in 2002 on 13 counts of child molestation and



faces a minimum term of 169 years behind bars.

Border agents nabbed him at Montreal's Trudeau airport as he returned from Venezuela on Tuesday. He was living in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mandatory law wrong: **U.S.** lawyer

A lawyer who helped U.S. politicians write mandatory-minimum-sentencing laws has a warning for Canada.

Long jail terms for minor drug offences have been a mistake in the U.S. and won't work in Canada, said Eric Sterling.

Sterling is one of 28 current and former lawenforcement officials in the U.S. who have written to Canadian senators, as well as Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the premiers.

They take issue with Bill which includes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offences and is being studied in the Senate.

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'I am deeply sorry,' says ex-coach James

hockey player Todd Holt walks out

of a Winnipeg court with supporters on Wednesday.

Sex abuser apologizes to shaken world of hockey

"I apologize."

One of Canada's most reviled sex offenders stood in court Wednesday and expressed his deep remorse for sexual abuse that shattered the hockey world.

"I stand before you with former junior coach Graham regret," hockey James said at his sentencing hearing in Winnipeg.

"I apologize to the Canadian hockey public, whose interest in the national game should be found in celebration.

"I apologize to the institution of hockey ... to the many good people who

work only for the betterment of the sport."

James apologized to the players he coached and their families.

"I apologize to the parents and the families of those most personally affected.... I abused the trust vou put in me.'

But he saved the most direct apology for last.

"Finally, and most importantly, I apologize to Theoren Fleury and to Todd Holt, against whom I have offended.

"I wanted the best for you but I did not give you my best," he said.

"My actions forfeited our friendship.'

James, pleaded guilty in December to sexually abusing Fleury and Holt when they played for him in the 1980s and '90s.

The sentencing decision was reserved.

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Niagara Falls icon sailing off into the mist

One of the largest tourist draws in Niagara Falls may not be open this year.

After 165 years, the Maid of the Mist Steamboat Co. has lost the contract to operate boats there.

The Niagara Parks Commission said Wednesday it has awarded a 30-year deal for boat-tour operations in the Niagara Gorge to

Hornblower Canada, a California-based company

This is a great day for the Niagara Parks Commission and a great day for the tourism industry in Niagara and across Ontario," said chair Janice Thomson.

But the Hornblower service isn't scheduled to begin until the spring of 2014 and the Maid of the



Mist company isn't sure it can stay in business for this summer's tourist sea-

"As a result of this decision, our business, with a 165-year history of service to tourists from around the world, may soon come to an end," said company president Christopher Glvnn.

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A new course

- The commission quietly gave the Maid of the Mist company an untendered 25-year contract extension in 2008
- But Ontario's Liberal cabinet ordered the commission to open the tour boats to competitive biddina in 2009.

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Sask. to pull away from Oxv

Saskatchewan has joined Ontario and the Atlantic provinces in taking steps stop funding the painkiller OxyContin and a new version of the drug, OxyNeo.

The changes coincide with plans by the manufacturer, Purdue Pharma Canada of Pickering, to discontinue producing Oxy-Contin at the end of

Ontario plan

The Ontario Health Ministry says OxyNeo will now be funded through the province's Exceptional Access Program, which places prescriptions for the drug under tighter controls.

February and replace it with OxyNeo.

Starting at the end of the month, Saskatchewan will only pay for OxyNeo for cancer or palliative care patients.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bin Laden rivals feared by CSIS

Just hours after U.S. forces killed Osama bin Laden, Canada's spy agency predicted Islamic extremism would live on despite the al-Oaida leader's death.

A newly released assessment by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service says Bin Laden — though very important — was not the only ideologue advocating war between Islam and the West.

It suggests groups inspired by the al-Qaida message might carry out attacks independently of the terrorist network.

Bin Laden was buried at sea last May after a covert U.S. team stormed a compound in Pakistan and killed him.

The CSIS assessment was obtained under the Access to Information Act.

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Qur'an riots leave at least 7 dead

◆ Afghans angry over U.S. military burning of Muslim holy book ◆ Top officials apologize, call for talks

Clashes between Afghan troops and protesters angry over the burning of Muslim holy books at a U.S. military base left at least seven people dead and dozens wounded Wednesday as anger spread, despite U.S. apologies over what it said was a mistake.

The demonstrations across four eastern provinces illustrated the intensity of Afghans' anger at what they saw as foreign forces flouting their laws and insulting their culture.

The violence was also a reminder of how easily Afghan-U.S. relations can deteriorate, as the two countries work to forge a long-term partnership ahead of the withdrawal of foreign forces in 2014.

The unrest started Tuesday when Afghan workers at the main American military base, Bagram Air Field, saw soldiers dumping books in a pit where garbage is burned and noticed Qur'ans and other religious material among the trash.

The top U.S. and NATO commander, Gen. John

By the numbers

- In Kabul, about 2,000 people massed outside a heavily guarded housing complex for foreigners, chanting "Death to America!" as they hurled rocks at the compound's reinforced walls and set a fuel truck ablaze.
- The country's council of Muslim clerics called the apologies from U.S. authorities insufficient and said military officials should punish those responsible.
- The demonstrations prompted the U.S. to lock down its embassy and bar its staff from travelling.

Allen, quickly issued an apology and telephoned President Hamid Karzai and major news organizations to explain that a collection of religious materials, including Qur'ans, had been mistakenly sent to be incinerated. Four copies of the Qur'an were burned before the incineration was halted, according to initial Afghan government reports.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mubarak's fate to be decided in June

An Egyptian judge on Wednesday set June 2 as the date for the verdict and sentencing in the trial of ousted President Hosni Mubarak, which could put



the man who spent nearly 30 years as one of the Arab world's key strongmen on death row.

Mubarak is accused of

complicity in the killing of protesters during the 18-day popular uprising that pushed him from power in February of last year. More than 800 people were killed during the uprising, many of them demonstrators shot dead by security forces.

A guilty verdict would make Mubarak the first leader ousted during the Arab Spring uprisings to face legal punishment by his own people.

A ruling of not guilty — a distinct possibility — could set off new a new round of unrest.

Egyptians have closely followed the seven-monthlong case, and many accuse the council of ruling army generals who took power when Mubarak stepped down of dragging out the proceedings.

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last in a photo held dispatch- by her mother. es from a veteran American-born

correspondent chronicled the suffering of civilians caught in the relentless shelling. An intense morning barrage killed her and a French photojournalist two of 74 deaths reported Wednesday in Syria.

"I watched a little baby die today," Marie Colvin told the BBC on Tuesday from the embattled city of Homs. "Absolutely horrific, a two-year-old child had been hit," added Colvin, a veteran foreign correspondent for Britain's Sunday

Colvin, 56, and photographer Remi Ochlik, 28, were among a group of journalists who had crossed into Syria and were sharing accommodations with activists, raising speculation that government forces targeted the makeshift media centre, although opposition groups had previously described the shelling as indiscriminate. At least two other Western journalists — French reporter Edith Bouvier of Le Figaro and British photographer Paul Conroy of the Sunday Times — were wounded.

Activist Omar Shaker said the journalists were killed when several rockets



of Baba Amr around

at

10 a.m. Hundreds of people have died in weeks of siege-style attacks on Homs that have come to symbolize the desperation and defiance of the 11-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad. The bloodshed brought some of the most galvanizing calls for the end of Assad's rule.

"That's enough now. The regime must go," French President Nicolas Sarkozy. The associated press

Eight bodies found on deck of Costa Concordia

Divers searching the capsized Costa Concordia cruise ship off a Tuscan island found eight bodies Wednesday on one of the passenger decks, including that of a missing 5-year-old Italian girl, authorities said. Italy's national civil protection agency said three of the bodies were recovered a few hours after being spotted by divers. It said they are those of a woman, a girl and a man. Because of worsening weather, the divers were not able to immediately remove the other five bodies. The bodies were transferred to hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> is the death toll on the capsized Costa Concordia, including bodies recovered and the missing, who are presumed dead.



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The first two cars were packed so tightly for the morning rush that people were sandwiched between bicycles and the few seats.

This train didn't lurch, though. It had trouble stopping, overshooting platforms and missing at least one station entirely. It didn't come to a halt until it had slammed into a metal barrier at Buenos Aires' Once station. With

more than 1,200 people on board, the momentum was devastating. Forty-nine people were killed and 600 were injured. The cause has not been determined, but many pointed to a deteriorating rail system. The dead included 48 adults and one child, and 461 were hospitalized, Transportation Secretary J.P. Schiavi said.

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LAWMAKER STANDS BY GIRL-SCOUT CRITICISM

Undaunted by ridicule from the leader of his own party, an Indiana lawmaker is standing by his allegations that the Girl Scouts is a radical organization that promotes abortions and homosexuality.

The Scouts and Planned Parenthood have dismissed Rep. Bob Morris' comments as absurd, as did Brian Bosma, the Republican Speaker of Indiana's House of Representatives. But Morris,

also a Republican, told The Associated Press his critics need to do more research into the 100-yearold organization.

"My family and I took a view and we're sticking by it," Morris said Tuesday, adding that his daughters were joining an alternative group for young girls run by conservative Christians. "My girls are no longer Girl Scouts. They're now going to join American Heritage Girls." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Romney, Santorum running virtual dead heat in key states

▶ But national polls say staunch social conservative Rick Santorum is front-runner in presidential race

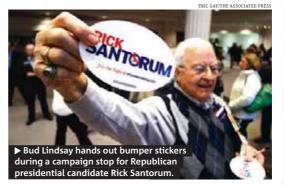
It's been almost a month since the last Republican presidential debate, and once again the race for the party's nomination is vastly different than it was when Mitt Romney efficiently put the boots to his biggest threat, Newt Gingrich, during a Florida faceoff.

Romney's no longer the front-runner in national polls.

Gingrich's support has all but evaporated.

Ron Paul is Romney's new best friend.

And Rick Santorum, with his fierce social conservatism, sits atop the polls nationally while running neck-and-neck with Romney in the crucial states of Arizona and Michigan.



Unsurprisingly, Santorum was on the hot seat for the 20th Republican presidential debate hosted by CNN in Arizona on Wednesday.

It marked the first time he was centre stage for a debate, and he was expected to come under attack by his rivals, particularly Romney and Paul, who have reportedly formed a behind-the-scenes alliance to look out for one another on the campaign trail and beyond.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He said what?

- On the campaign trail Santorum has come out against pre-natal testing, saying it leads to abortions.
- He's also on the record in 2008 as saying birth control poses a threat to the nation, that sex is only meant for the purpose of procreation and that "Satan has his sights on the United States of America."
- Meanwhile, Romney recently attacked the Obama administration saying it has "fought against religion" and sought to substitute a "secular" agenda for one grounded in faith.
 Religious liberty has been a popular topic lately because of the Obama ad-

ministration's mandate that

insurance companies pro-

vide free birth control to

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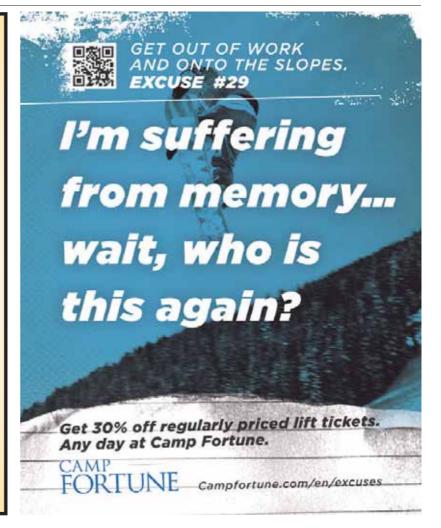
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India's top aviation watchdog is ordering struggling Kingfisher Airlines to explain dozens of cancelled flights as the carrier battles mounting financial troubles. News reports say the authority is concerned about passenger safety.

EU refers copyright treaty to high court

• Proponents say the agreement is needed to harmonize global standards and protect content producers' rights

The European Commission, facing opposition in city streets, on the Internet and in the halls of parliament, has suspended efforts to ratify a new international anti-counterfeiting agreement, and instead will refer it to Europe's highest court to see whether it violates any fundamental EU rights.

EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht asserted Wednesday that an opinion from the European Court of Justice would clear away the fog

of misinformation surrounding the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, known as AC-TA

"This debate must be based upon facts and not upon the misinformation or rumour that has dominated social media sites and blogs in recent weeks," De Gucht told reporters in Brussels.

The decision appeared to reflect recognition by European Union officials of the political obstacles. Protests against the agree-

ment were staged earlier this month in several European capitals by critics who say the agreement would stifle free speech and access to information.

The hacking group known as Anonymous claimed responsibility last week for a new series of hacks against the U.S. Federal Trade Commission and consumer-rights websites. The sites were replaced with a violent German-language video satirizing ACTA.

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Recovery expectations low after Greek bailout

Greece on Wednesday insisted a new 130-billioneuro bailout deal will "bind" it to the euro, but again lowered expectations of recovery as it faced skeptical world markets, continued protests and another downgrade of its debt deeper into junk status.

As the government scrambled to push new austerity measures, Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos said the new rescue package approved by eurozone countries would shield Greece from default.

"The agreement is of historic importance, because it binds Greece to the euro," Venizelos told private Mega television.

"It was not only the approval of the 130 billion euros in additional support for Greece. But this also comes with a European commitment ... of support for as long as is necessary for Greece to return to the markets."

He added: "This is a decisive and irreversible ac-



tion by our partners: Greece is a member of the euro and will remain a member of the euro and there is no issue of bankruptcy, there is no issue of the country's financial collapse."

Earlier, around 6,000 protesters chanting "EU out, IMF out!" marched through central Athens in a peaceful rally against the new austerity measures.

Eurozone countries on Tuesday approved the new bailout deal, and a 107-billion-euro debt writedown by banks and other private holders of Greek bonds.

In response, Fitch downgraded Greece's credit rating further into junk status, while world markets appeared nervous at the prospects of forcing through new austerity measures in a country stuck in recession for a fifth year and with unemployment topping 20 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Honda recalls Odyssey vans in Canada

Honda is recalling 2,790 Honda Odyssey vans in Canada as part of a larger recall because the rear doors can fall on people unexpectedly — and have on at least two occasions in the U.S.

The problem affects minivans from the 2008 and 2009 model years that have power lift gates.

The carmaker is recalling nearly 46,000 Odyssey minivans in the United States

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says on its website that gas can leak out of the struts that sup-

port the lift gates and the doors could close unexpectedly, increasing the risk of injury.

Honda says the problem has caused two minor injuries and that the company will replace both power liftgate struts for free.

The company says it will send letters to van owners next month with instructions about the re-

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Canadians expect to work past age 66: Poll

Nearly half of respondents to Sun Life survey said they are worried about having debt in retirement

As Canadians live longer and face tougher financial choices in their golden years, fewer than a third of respondents in a recent survey said they plan to be fully retired by 66

Sun Life Financial's annual Unretirement Index poll, released early Wednesday, found that only about three in 10 Canadians surveyed said they plan full retirement at that age.

And the average expected age of retirement

now hovers at 68 — up from 66 just last year.

"That's a fairly short space of time for an attitude change of that degree," said Kevin Dougherty, president of Sun Life Financial Cana-

The poll results from Canada's third-biggest insurance company reflect what other public opinion surveys have shown for a while — that the concept of Freedom 55 is a thing of the past.

"These results are not

surprising given the current economic volatility, increasing consumer debt loads, rising health-care costs, longer life expectancy and lack of planning. We're also finding that some Canadians believe they'll have to work longer to be able to pay for basic living expenses," said Dougherty.

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Tear yourself away from tweets: Stone

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Twitter co-founder Christopher Isaac "Biz" Stone has a message for those followers who stare at their tweet feeds for hours on end: it's not healthy. He told a Montreal business audience even he is amazed by the influence of Twitter, which the founders initially thought would just be used for fun.

Cherie Blair to sue over phone hacking

The wife of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is suing Rupert Murdoch's British newspaper company over phone hacking, her lawyer said Wednesday.

Cherie Blair is suing "in relation to the unlawful interception of her voicemails," lawyer Graham Atkins said in an email, making her one of the most high-profile people to have challenged Murdoch's News International over the illegal eavesdropping campaign waged against those in the public eye.

There had been earlier speculation about the possibility that Cherie Blair's



phone had been hacked. Tony Blair's former spokesman, Alastair Campbell, has long wondered aloud about how the 1999 story of her pregnancy was obtained by the Daily Mirror.

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Parka maker sues for logo infringment

A well-known outerwear manufacturer is suing a retailer over trademark infringement, accusing it of making shoddy replicas of the distinctive Canada Goose parkas.

It's alleged in the lawsuit that International Clothiers Inc. has intentionally designed a logo to mimic the Canada Goose Arctic Program design trademark,

Canada Goose Inc. filed a statement of claim late last month asking the Federal Court to stop International Clothiers from using its Canada Weather Gear and Super Triple Goose logos, "or any confusingly similar mark." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Microsoft files complaint against Motorola

Microsoft lodged a formal complaint on Wednesday with the European Union's competition regulator against Motorola Mobility and its soon-to-be owner Google, saying Motorola's aggressive enforcement of patent rights against rivals breaks competition rules.

Motorola is in the process of being taken over by Google for \$12.5 billion US, the biggest acquisition in the Californian company's history.

Microsoft fears that Google will continue Motorola's tight hold on key patents.

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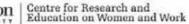
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As someone who considers himself on the cutting edge of technology, I recently began using a website known as Twitter. Have you heard of it? I've spent my entire life



missing out completely on trends — My-Space, The Thong Song, OxyContin — so my late arrival to the still-flourishing site has been a real revelation (the good kind, not the end-times, Santorum kind).

Well, my stars. Twitter is like a million sites combined!

It's a sports site that lets me learn about false hockey trades from teenagers who have no higher goal in life than to pose as Bob McKenzie.

It's a journalism site that allows me to read a breaking news headline 87 times in rapid succession.

"I myself have about 50 followers as I write this and, here's the exciting part, 43 of them I have never met before because they are too busy with their adult entertainment business."

It's an entertainment site that has me waiting on pins and needles for that Charlie Sheen pocket tweet which will let me know once and for all that he has collapsed and died.

And it's a community. The site is positively packed with tweeters who will take the time out of their busy day to insult strangers they disagree with when they could have simply moved on. It's rare to see people go the extra mile like that.

I myself have about 50 followers as I write this and — here's the exciting part

— 43 of them I have never met before because they are too busy with their adult-entertainment business. As soon as I joined, I was swarmed with new friends with names like Sexy McXXX and Sarah TryMyWebsite!, which I assume is Polish.

With its intrinsic goal of adding as many followers as possible, Twitter is a bit of a drug. The notifications button on Facebook is only a mild buzz compared to the straight-heroin injection of getting new Twitter followers.

I never dream about work, but the first day I started using Twitter I dreamt about it. Specifically, I dreamt I was super-excited because Lenny from The Simpsons followed

Here's the honest truth: I find the site oddly intimidating. Because, unlike Facebook, which pushes everyone toward a sort of echo-chamber conformity, Twitter is really whatever you make it.

It can be a huge knowledge resource, an insight into the famous and powerful, and a promotional tool. Or it can be a site that you use for cheap factoids, a reality-TV buzz and to avoid working.

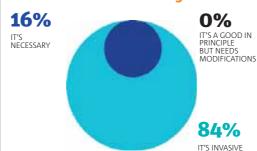
So will I be a Twitterati or just a Twit? I'll be following myself with interest.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays



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What do you think of the government's new online-surveillance legislation?



Local tweets



► **@tweetsonlo:** It's interesting how one day after #TTC's

Webster was fired, #OCTranspo's Mercier faced the same fate.

- Gepicyawn: Glad to hear they "optimized" Alain Mercier. He's gone, just like my regular bus route. #OCtranspo
- Gottawawestfash: There isn't rage greater than bus rage. #OCTranspo
- @xmichellelaurie: Dying to see @simpleplan in Ottawa on Friday, but I don't have any money to get tickets:'(

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- @Kevinhaime: Kevin Haime Golf Centre OPEN Tomorrow at 10 am. No, I'm not kidding. Golf season is here in Ottawa!
- @debraisabel: #ottcity #ottawa I'm glad that parents of children who play baseball will not be subjected to outdoor smoke this summer. New bylaw is good.



Not only seen in the movies

For a while, they called it "Kevin" after actor Kevin Costner, who starred in the 1995 flick Waterworld.

The name didn't stick, even in the mind of Zachory Berta, the Harvard University grad student who discovered the planet. We'llanet Kevin" is called GI1214b. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



"GJ1214b is like no planet we know of. A huge fraction of its mass is made up of water." ZACHORY BERTA

GJ1214b facts

Planet of hot, hot water. It orbits a red-dwarf star at a distance of just two million kilometres, meaning temperatures on the planet are above 200 C.

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weight.

Experts discover 'water world'

SPACE. For years, water worlds have been the stuff of space sci-fi; now they're reality. Experts have revealed that the planet GJ1214b is a new classification of celestial body: a mix of water and high temperatures that could help host alien life. Other planetary types are: rocky (Earth), gas (Jupiter) and ice (Uranus). • MWN

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GJ1214b is 40 light years from Earth. It's believed GJ1214b formed farther out from its star, where water ice was plentiful, and migrated inward early in the system's history, thus passing through the star's "habitable zone."

Telescope helps clear the haze

DISCOVERY. Analysis of the watery planet in 2010 suggested that it was simply covered by a "haze," similar to that surrounding Saturn's moon Titan. But the latest results from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope show that it more likely has a thick atmosphere of water vapour. This "super-Earth" was first discovered in 2009.



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Justin Bieber

He's only 17, but pop sensation Justin Bieber is back with his second book. Harper-Collins announced Tuesday that it will publish Justin Bieber: Just Getting Started. The book is described as "the second official photographic book" from the multiplatinumselling superstar. The company says it will be released worldwide in September.

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Hip hop music from A to Z

○ Local rapper working the biz from every direction **○** Check out Atherton at Babylon tonight

BACKSTAGE PASS

JEN TRAPLIN



In order to make it in the music industry these days, you have to be willing

and able to multi-task. It's a skill that Ottawa hip hop artist Devin Atherton has been refining for

years.

Operating under the name Vinyl Tap Ent., which he calls an "everything umbrella," Atherton has been able to develop his music and business from all angles.

"I'll call Vinyl Tap a label when I'm putting out a record, it's a promotions company when I'm putting on a show, I'll call it a magazine when I'm doing an interview," he explains

an interview," he explains.
"It's really a beast that
can be transformed into
whatever shape I chose."

He treats his music the same way, adapting it to fit a fickle and ever-changing industry.

Details

When is the show?

Event: Check out Atherton with Bars and Tone, Nakiem and DJ So Nice at Babylon Nightclub (317 Bank St.) on Thursday. Tickets are just \$7 at the door. Doors open at 8 p.m.

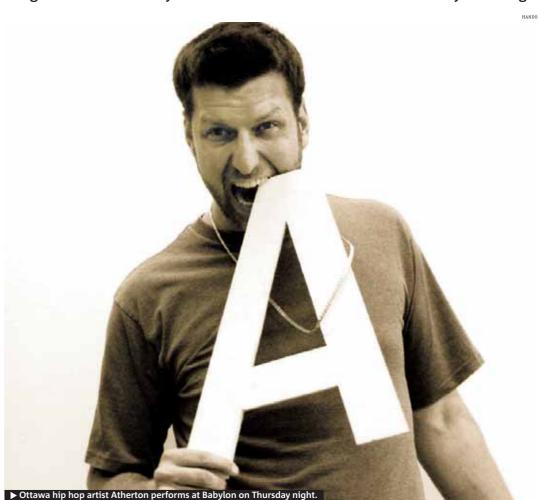
"With the way the music industry is going right now, no one is really making money off record sales, but there seems to be a nice little chunk of dough in the publishing and licensing industry," he says

of the industry.

With that in mind, Atherton is staying away from samples on his upcoming record, No Threat, and is making entirely original beats in the hope he can eventually license his songs to various shows or independent films.

After spending time living in Toronto and Montreal, Atherton says he's happy to be back in Ottawa, a music scene he compares to doing some shopping at Winners or Value Village.

"People like going to those stores because you kind of have to sift through things," he says. "But you always find that amazing pair of jeans."



Jill Hennessy pulling for Plummer

The Canadian Press has been asking entertainment personalities to share their thoughts on Sunday's Academy Awards. Today, Canadian actress Jill Hennessy talks about her favourite film of the year and the fellow Canuck she's rooting for

"I loved The Descendants, I think Alexander Payne is just a brilliant writer/director and that film is just so easy to relate "I've only seen scenes from that film but he's glorious and in a way I've never seen him." JILL HENNESSY

to," says Hennessy. "Everybody is so good but ... the boyfriend (Nick Krause) who I didn't hear much about in the press was unbelievable, what a subtle, beautiful performance."

She's hoping to see Canadian thespian Christopher Plummer win the best supporting actor Oscar for his role in Beginners. Plummer plays a dying widower who reveals to his son (Ewan McGregor) that he's gay.

"He deserves it, I've only seen scenes from that film but he's glorious and in a way I've never seen him," Hennessy says.

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Aniston's escape

In Wanderlust, Jennifer Aniston runs away from modern life \(\mathbf{O}\) How she got in touch with her hippie side



Jennifer Aniston's character in Wanderlust runs away from the modern life she and her husband (played by Paul Rudd) share to live in a Utopian, freelove commune in rural Georgia, and the actress admits the impulse to disapisn't all that unfamiliar.

"Every day, yes," she says of feeling that way. "I mean, for me, going to Clarksville [Georgia] and shooting this movie was a version of that, honestly, because there were no paparazzi and there was no secret little tricky cellphone pictures being taken. It was just this great community and these amazing people.

Maybe getting into the

hippie spirit of the film's premise helped, but Aniston says she ended up learning a lot about herself just by the change of environment. "For me, I really realized how walled I was, and not consciously so, but just this armour that I kind of have, protective armour from — not my friends or people in my family, but just being outside in the world, always on guard or whatever," she 'There's just this sigh of relief after week one just knowing, oh this is like John Travolta in the Boy in the Bubble. It was like, riding on a horse, out of the bubble!"

The image she's conjured reduces her to a fit of laughter, but there was a serious sense of self-improvement for Aniston to take away from the Wanderlust production. "It was special,

Other career

choices

What would the Wanderlust star be doing if she wanted to run away from acting? "Well, there was the period where I wanted to be a therapist if the acting thing didn't work," she says. "I was always the girl that people would come to and talk about their problems. Still am."

it was really special ... to kind of get back in touch with that part of myself and that anonymity," she says. "I really made a conscious effort to know, 'Don't wall up like that.' I think you kind of miss out on a lot of stuff if you're so protected and isolated, in a



Wain talks free lovin'

With Wanderlust, director and co-writer David Wain sends a pair of Manhattanites down the communal living rabbit hole as they decide to move into an "intentional living" community led by a cult-ish womanizer (Justin Theroux). Metro chatted with Wain about the film.

Why do you think hippies continue to be such a great source for comedy?

We all have sort of a fantasy of being that, you know? We all think like, what if we could just walk away from conventional life — and just relax and focus on enjoying every moment instead of doing whatever the f-we do.

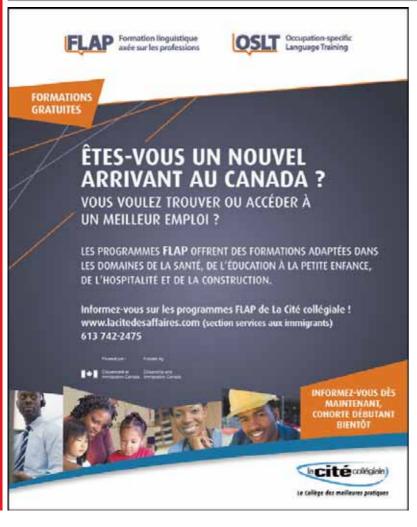
You're dealing with a good deal of sexual humour. How much do you worry about

ratings and the MPAA?

Well, with Rated R you can do most anything, and usually if it's going to be too hard for an R then it's not that interesting to me. I don't necessarily want to show. I guess basically the other answer is I've never had an issue with them. All four movies I've done have been rated R, and ... none of them have come back and said, "Take something out." • NED EHRBAR

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Lohan's career back on track?

It's been a good week for Lindsay Lohan, career-

First, it was announced she'll be hosting Saturday Night Live again on March 3, and now sources say that the troubled actress has been confirmed to play Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime television movie about the screen icon, according to Hollyscoop.

The film, Liz and Dick, will focus on Taylor's relationship with Richard Bur-

A source says that as long as Lindsay stays out of trouble and fulfills all the obligations of her probation, the job is hers.

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His lips are sealed

• Adam Levine refuses to dish dirt on Aguilera

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In an interview on The Howard Stern Show on Tuesday, The Voice coach Levine Adam proved himself to be smart about a few topics.

Stern tried to get Levine to gossip about fellow mentor/judge Christina

Aguilera's recent weight

"Why do you think she's gotten so heavy? Is she upset?" Stern prodded.

"She used to be so (expletive) hot ... And her clothes are too tight,



right?" the shock jock continued.

"When you're a plussize woman, you can't wear the tight clothes anymore."

Levine responded diplomatically, stating: "I wouldn't go that far, actually."

And when Stern pushed the point, asking what size Aguilera is, the musicianturned-reality star wisely shut Stern down: "I'm keeping my (expletive) mouth shut."

Smart of him, right? Then the topic veered to Levine's Russian model girlfriend, Anne V.

"This is the longest, most functional relationship I've ever been in, I don't want to screw it up.' he said.

Celebrity tweets



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So they're watching Knicks in Taipei but I can't get the

game.#iliveheredammit



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of the dept. of Immigration.

Barrymore pregnant?

Drew Barrymore was spotted leaving a Beverly Hills doctor's office with fiancé Will Kopelman by her side and a sonogram printout in her hand, according to TMZ.

So does this mean that the actress is expecting? Her rep had gave a firm "No comment" in response.

But it could explain why Barrymore isn't farther along in her wedding planning. At a recent event to which she showed up in fairly loose-fitting clothing — Barrymore admitted she hadn't even started shop-

ping for a wedding dress. 'Oh, gosh,



I don't know," she said. 'I've been trying to figure it out! All I know is that I want something tasteful, something timeless."

▶ Drew Barrymore

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Update on Houston's drug intake ney's blood alcohol con-

A new report looks to confirm that Whitney Houston's death earlier this month was caused by a mixture of alcohol and prescription drugs, according to Radar Online.

'Whitney had taken Valium, Xanax and alcohol, which led to her death. The coroner is waiting on final toxicology results to

deter-



mine which one of the three was the major contributing factor of her demise," a source says.

"The coroner will be closely examining Whit-

tent at the time she died as well. The sedatives and alcohol will almost certainly be the cause of death, and not drowning. Her heart stopped beating because her respiratory system was suppressed because of the anti-anxiety meds, and combined with the booze it probably happened very quickly before she was found partially submerged in the bathtub.

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What's trending

outerwear is hot for fall.

Military-inspired

• How Christopher Kane, McQ and Acne sold us on fall's most ubiquitous colour

Burgundy is anything but bland



As far as colours go, burgundy is a pretty lackluster follow-up to all the pops of yellow we saw for spring.

That age-old mix of red and brown brings to mind '80s corduroy, Avon lipstick and micro-suede couches sold at a deep discount in suburban furniture warehouses. Hardly something women would clamour to wear.

Simply put, the maroon parade that marched its way through New York was kind of a let down.

Then the London shows came along and things started to change.

In Christopher Kane's hands, the shade became sexually charged, Gothic and a little dangerous on his leather-trimmed dresses, padded coats and cigarette trousers.

Kane used a shade that more so resembled freshly drawn blood than living room curtains with a techie, moiré fabric that changed tones as the models moved. And that's exactly what made it so memorable.

The costume designers for True Blood should take



note. Vampire Pam's closet could use an update.

Acne, meanwhile, gave burgundy a futuristic sheen in glossy leather pieces such as sleek trousers, a belted sculptural coat and full skirt.

They looked subversive



and directional — and yet timeless. You could wear these without looking like you've succumbed to the trend of the season and pull them out a few years later and still look modern.

Most memorable, though, were Sarah Bur-



ton's sublime plays on texture at McQ.

Burgundy looks best when done in rich, plush, touchable things and Burton exploited this to maximum effect. Take her V-neck dress made out of shaved mink on top and embroidered velvet on the bottom, accessorized with leather elbow-length gloves. It looked glamourous without reading old; it was romantic while still maintaining an edge

- a world away from the

suburban living room.



Mad Hatter

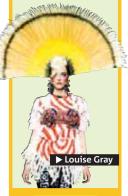
Hats and headdresses of all kinds have popped up on New York and London's runways. We look at some of the wildest.



► Marc Jacobs



▶ Jeremy Scott





Jeanne Space

In this hectic modern world, Twitter has become a cool and succinct way of communicating. It allows me to be accessible, instantly speak my mind, and connects me with all kinds of people. Whether it's a fashion question or you just want to comment on life's bigger picture, I'd love to hear from you.



@Jeanne_Beker: Now that my still nameless little guy has started to test me: What's the best dog-walking outfit? (For me, not him!)

> pants to be comfy, and easy to wash if paw prints end up on them :)

@Jeanne_Beker: Love it! An unpretentious pet owner!! Makes practical sense, for sure....

@ReneeGold1: Lu Lu Lemons or a Juicy Couture Jogging Suit! Comfort is key!



@juliawants: leggings, boots, anorak!



bundy-esque pleather minidress, laceup stilettos and a big hair bow

@patrickdisco: kelly

@RadioGalDonna: I always wear my gym

Spotlight-stealing Oscar snacks

○ Years after winning Academy awards, The Godfather & Silence of the Lambs still fascinate viewers **○** Even Don Vito Corleone & Hannibal Lecter wouldn't be able to resist these snacks

The Godfather

The Godfather is a sweeping saga of crime, punishment and the complexity of family ties. But it has its foodie side, too.

There's the ominous orange — you can expect trouble when one of these appears in the movie. There's the scene where Clemenza teaches Michael Corleone how to make gravy (spaghetti sauce) because "you never know, you might have to cook for 20 guys someday." And was there ever sager culinary counsel than this? "Leave the gun; take the cannoli."

Angry Meatballs Preparation:

- In medium bowl, combine loose spicy Italian sausage with lean ground beef. Form into 2.5-cm (1-inch) balls.
- 2 In skillet over medium, heat olive oil. Add 4 cloves thinly sliced garlic and sauté for 3 minutes.
- Add meatballs and cook until browned and cooked through, 6 to 8 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer meatballs to a plate.

Add crushed red pepper flakes, halved grape tomatoes and torn fresh basil leaves to pan. Sauté for 1 minute, then season with salt and pepper. Spoon over meatballs.

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Ingredients:

- 250 g (1/2 lb) of loose spicy Italian sausage
- 250 g (1/2 lb)lean ground beef
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic
- 5 ml (1 tsp) crushed red pepper flakes
- 500 ml (2 cups) halved grape tomatoes
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) torn fresh basil

Corleone Cocktail

Here's a cocktail featuring Italian liquur with a touch of orange to keep things interesting.

Preparation:

In a double oldfashioned glass, stir together Campari, Amaretto, bitters and Scotch. Garnish with an orange twist.

Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1/2 oz) Campari
- 15 ml (1/2 oz) Amaretto liqueur
- Dash of bitters
- 45 ml (1 1/2 oz) Scotch whisky
- Orange twist



Killer Recipe

Anthony Hopkins was brilliant in The Silence of the Lambs as Hannibal Lecter, the serial killer who boasted of consuming victims.

That's one way to solve the catering issue. But we'll go with this much less creepy (not to mention non-criminal) Chianti spritzer and fava crostini.

Fava Crostini Preparation:

In skillet, cook onions
in olive oil until soft
and brown. Add fava
beans and cook until
soft. Season with salt
and pepper. Add lemon

juice and chopped parsley. Roughly mash the mixture.

Serve spread on toasted slices of French bread with shavings of Parmesan cheese.

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Ingredients:

- 2 yellow onions
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 500 g (1 lb) pack frozen fava beans
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped parsley
- French bread
- Parmesan cheese

Peppered Chianti Spritzer

Preparation:

To cocktail shaker filled with ice, add vodka and Chianti. Shake; strain into cocktail glass. Top with seltzer water. Garnish with raspberries.

Inaredients:

- 30 ml (1 oz) pepperflavoured vodka
- 60 ml (2 oz) Chianti
- Seltzer water
- Fresh raspberries





Memories of summer...

• While you long for warmer days, try these ice-cream-inspired treats

Taking inspiration from the traditional banana split, here is a cookie combining many flavours into a rich cheesecake bar.

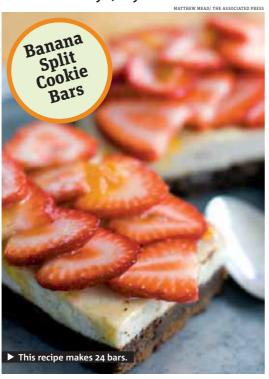
The recipe starts with a base of brownie and topped with a creamy banana cheesecake layer. To finish to ff, it is layered with fresh cut strawberries and a thin layer of pineapple jam.

If you'd like, you can add a sprinkle of toasted chopped nuts to garnish.

Banana Split Cookie Bars Preparation:

- Heat the oven to 180 C (350 F). Coat a 23-by-33cm (9-by-13-inch) baking pan with cooking spray.
- 2 In a microwave-safe bowl, heat the chocolate bits and butter on high for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring every 20 seconds, or until melted. Set aside.
- In bowl, whisk sugar, flour and salt. Add eggs and vanilla and whisk until smooth. Stir in the chocolate-butter mix.

 Pour into prepared pan and bake 20 minutes. Remove pan from oven. If there are any bubbles in the crust, gently push them flat. Leave oven on.
- To make the cheesecake layer, in a food processor,



combine the cream cheese, bananas, sugar, flour and salt. Process until completely smooth, scraping down the sides of the bowl. Add the eggs, one at a time, processing and scraping the bowl between additions. Pour the batter over the brownie crust and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or

until the centre no longer jiggles. Cool, then refrigerate until completely chilled.

When cheesecake completely chilled, arrange sliced strawberries over the top. In microwavesafe bowl, mix pineapple jam and the 1 tablespoon of water, Microwave until

Ingredients:

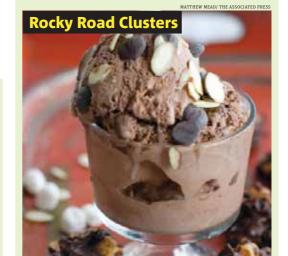
Brownie crust:

- 375 ml (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate bits
- 175 ml (3/4 cup or 1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) sugar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) allpurpose flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 4 eggs
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vanilla extract

Cheesecake layer:

- Two 250 ml (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, room temperature
- 3 ripe bananas125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- Pinch of salt
- 3 eggsTopping:
- 1.25 L (1 quart) strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pineapple
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) water

bubbling. Spoon jam over strawberries. Allow to chill for 15 minutes for the jam to set up. Cut into squares. Store, well wrapped, in the refrigerator. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONO-MIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARD-SCOOKS, CA)



Preparation:

- Line baking sheet with waxed paper; set aside.
- Place sandwich cookies in large resealable plastic bag. Use rolling pin to crush cookies into small crumbs. Cut up marshmallows into pieces size of a pea. In bowl, combine cookie crumbs, marshmallow pieces and almonds.
- In microwave-safe bowl, combine butter, corn syrup, chocolate bits. Microwave on High 2 mins., stirring every 20 seconds, or until completely smooth and melted.
- Stir melted chocolate mix into cookies and marshmallows until

thoroughly coated. Using spoon, drop balls of mix onto prepared baking sheet. Allow to fully set; store in an airtight container at room temperature between sheets of waxed paper. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients:

- 18 cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies
- 500 ml (2 cups) regular marshmallows
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) toasted sliced almonds
- 125 ml (1/2 cup or 1 stick) unsalted butter
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) corn syrup
- 375 ml (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate bits



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Powerful Punch

Scotland's BrewDog smashes through with Sink The Bismarck



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Man has always been driven in the pursuit to be all they can be, and the competitive spirit that compels us to greatness is alive and well in the beer industry as brewers continue to try to outdo each other.

With most of our everyday beers sitting somewhere between four to six per cent alcohol by volume (ABV), the Swiss-brewed Samichlaus had been listed in the Guinness World Records as the strongest beer in the world for ages at 14 per cent ABV, and everybody seemed to be fine with that - for a

But then a number of brewers decided it was time to turn the volume up to 11 and people took notice. By experimenting with ingredients like champagne yeasts to drive up alcohol content, American brewing icons Samuel Adams were able to push

Record holder

Germany's Schorschbräu brewery's Schorschbock cent ABV, is the current "strongest beer of the world," but I wouldn't be surprised if BrewDog ups

ABVs up into the 20s with Millennium and Utopia, but the wildest and most creative efforts came from rebellious Scottish craft brewer BrewDog as it simply threw conventional practices to the wayside and rewrote the rulebook.

Driven to completely smash the existing limits, BrewDog began releasing brands like the Tactical Nuclear Penguin Imperial Stout at 32 per cent ABV and Sink The Bismarck India Pale Ale at 42 per cent ABV before producing only a dozen bottles of End Of History — a whopping 55 per cent ABV Strong Belgian Ale, which saw these rare bottles packaged in stuffed dead squirrels and selling for up to 700 pounds per bottle. It raised more than a few eyebrows, but gave them worldwide attention, not only for the extreme and unusual marketing techniques, but also

57, weighing in at 57.5 per the ante again ... and soon.

> for the liquids BrewDog was creating.

By employing a fractional freezing technique used in Eisbocks, they freeze the beer and remove the ice until they have reached their desired alcohol level (which seems to continue to climb. as does the price tag). With a combination of high expectation and nervous anticipation I am ready to expose my palate to one of the world's strongest beers.

Sink The Bismarck IPA is quadruple hopped and frozen four times and the results of this painstaking procedure are magnificent.

Pouring a beautiful, deep burnished orange colour with only the slightest hint of head, this beer clings to the glass with legs for miles. The nose is intense and intoxicating sharp and refined before releasing compelling tastes of burnt sugar, caramel and

molasses sweetness up front before big boozy tingles sting the tongue. Huge raisin and fig flavours arise with subtle hints of anise, citrus, smoke, wood and resin in a thick, pleasantly sticky mouth feel that warms the cheeks, tongue and chest.

Comparisons to cognac and tawny ports are likely comparisons to other beers, but make no mistake, this is definitely a

powerhouse brew - one that should be shared amongst friends for a special occasion as it is a deadly combination of lethal and delicious.

Sink The Bismarck is available at Pub Italia for \$159.99 (that's right, one hundred and sixty bucks) before tax and tip ... for a 375 ml bottle in its very well stocked Abbey beer cellar.

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It's all genuinely excellent

• Passion is evident in the food at John Taylor's Genuine Food & Wine Bar



It's no mistake the word "genuine" is in its name genuinely excellent food, service and intimate dining is what you will get at John Taylor's Genuine Food & Wine Bar.

Regional and highly seasonal ingredients inspire the menu, as at sister restaurant Domus Café. Located across from the Mayfair Theatre, the space is small yet elegant with long booths and a few nooks for larger parties.

Upon first bite of our charcuterie it wasn't surprising to learn that all terrines and smoked fish were made in-house. The maple foie gras had hints

Fine dining

There is a large Canadian wine list (many options from Prince Edward Island and British Columbia).

of brandy and was served with pickled ginger, caramelized onions and cranberry compote. There was care put into the selection of Québécois cheeses (some raw, organic) for the platter and plenty of crostini was refilled before ask-

This passion for fresh produce can be tasted immediately. The Juniper Farms salad with roasted rainbow beets and Québécois Grey Owl goat cheese was elevated to star quality

- All regional produce inspires the menu.
- It's a fine dining experience that most restaurants in Ottawa aspire to but never achieve.

with slivers of apple and sweet vinaigrette.

Similarly, the mushroom soup was mild at first, but with chunks of cured bacon and spiked with truffle oil it became a gourmand's dream.

Though there were only a few plump potato gnoccis, the Digby scallops were phenomenal — perfectly caramelized on top and generous in size. A gingery carrot and bacon sauce complemented the meatiness of the scallop.

This is one of the few restaurants where both meat eaters and vegans can enjoy fine dining. The tofu in the vegetarian cassoulet was expertly fried and richly flavoured. It was paired deliciously with smoky white beans and roasted Brussels sprouts and parsnip pieces by chefs that clearly understand vegetarian cuisine in the exposed kitchen.

If you are an adventurous foodie, Taylor's offers a "blind menu" where the chef will decide a fivecourse meal for you with delicious results. Reservations are recommended.

John Taylor's Genuine Food & Wine Bar is located at 1091 Bank St. For more, see taylorsgenuine.ca.

Family farms are here to stay



Are you one of those folks who is concerned that factory farms managed from boardrooms have taken over the food production industry, destroyed traditional family farming and have left rural North America virtually deserted?

If so, you can relax their importance is very much overstated. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, only one farm in 200 is a so-called "corporate farm," while the rest are mostly family farms of which a half are less than 100 acres. Yes, corporate factory farms tend to be larger than average, but family farms still produce an overwhelming 85 per cent of all food in the U.S., where a lot of our groceries originate.

The Canadian situation

is very similar. Furthermore, the only area where factory farms have any real presence is in the production of eggs, poultry, pork, beef and, to some extent, dairy products.

As to factory farms depleting the rural population, this too is far from the truth. According to the recently released census, the rural population in Canada actually grew between 2006 and 2007.

One surprising development in the U.S. is the fact that the number of farms managed by women has doubled in recent years and now stands at 10 per cent of the total. In other words, for every factory farm with a corporate style of management, there are 20 family farms run by a woman.

While some may not be pleased with the fact that so-called factory farms play any role in our food supply, their place in the overall scheme of things is quite modest.

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Zing & zest

Lemon Fetish can beat the blahs



February is a ho-hum time of year and so my cheese pick this week, Lemon Fetish, is the perfect curd choice to beat off the blahs and replace them with a little bit of zing and zest.

Hailing from Prince Edward County, Fifth Town Artisan Cheese Co.'s littlest cheese family member is one of more than 20 varieties of sheep, goat and cow milk cheeses.

A pretty package,



Lemon Fetish is an unripened, feta-style sheep's milk cheese made from Local Food Plus milk producers, and shaped in small, round wheels weighing in at only 100 grams, but delivering a huge impression.

Rolled in Red Fife wheat and lemon zest, the paste (inside of the cheese) has a dry, crumbly texture. Enjoy citrus and sour cream notes, and fresh, clean, tangy and salty flavours. A little goes a long way thinly sliced over mixed greens, to garnish a gourmet vegetable quiche or anywhere you would use traditional feta cheese.

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Born out of the ashes of Sweetgrass Bistro, The Smoque Shack has created a new place in the hearts of barbecue and meat lovers across this city. The ox skull that hangs on the wall gives diners the clear idea: This is where meat is worshipped.

Only open since December, The Smoque Shack has set itself up for the hockey game hangout. The converted house is large and looks like a sports bar with flatscreen TVs, wooden booths and flooded with natural light.

The way the menu works is that you order your proteins first and then choose from a mix of traditional southern sides like collard greens with pork rinds, baked beans with smoky bites of bacon



and brisket, or baked home-style macaroni and cheese. Serving them family-style is part of the fun.

The campfire-like flavour gained from smoking the meats over coals or maple hardwood gives a darkened crust on the meats (beef, chicken or

ribs). But they are not just serving up typical southern-style brisket; those are traditional Montreal smoked meat spices in that Texas sandwich. The pulled pork melts in your mouth with coffee-barbecue sauce, but luckily you can mop it up with their

moist cornbread side.

And that's genuine Jamaican jerk sauce on the pork shoulder. Definitely getting a kick from some Scotch bonnet peppers, the hotness is well-honed so you can taste flavours from the allspice and cinnamon. When you are gnawing away, check out the ring on the bone created from the smoking process that can take up to 12 hours.

The selection of beers like Kichesippi and Beau's are just the ticket for washing down all of that meat.

Soon enough you will be dreaming of being in the heart of Texas, but in the meantime, hit up The Smoque Shack for the next best thing.

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• Give the heart of your home a little CPR: Karl Lohnes adds some style to an outdated kitchen





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Q. I am a renter and plan to stay

in my place for three to five years. I'd like to paint the outdated oak cupboards in my small kitchen. Any suggestions on colour?

A. Small kitchens tend to look their best when treated with a monochromatic colour scheme; meaning that all the finishes in the small space are similar in colour and tone.

If you are not investing in a new countertop or

backsplash then find your inspiration for a paint colour from the existing elements that you will not be changing.

For instance, if you have a grey speckled countertop choose a grey paint colour and other grey elements for the kitchen. One of my favourites is Benjamin Moore's Escarpment CC-518.

Paint everything in the kitchen the same colour; the cupboards will be painted in a gloss oil paint, the walls in a flat latex and the backsplash can be painted with a melamine paint for durability.

For a professional, smooth paint finish consider sending the cupboard doors and drawers out to be sprayed.

Kitchen karma

Here are a few other inexpensive ideas for sprucing up your kitchen.

- Baby got backsplash: Use peel-and-stick floor tile as a backsplash. Choose a matte, textured finish that resembles stone or marble. It's durable and easily removed by the next tenant if they want a new look.
- Tickle your faucet fancy: Replace your faucet; it's like jewelry for the kitchen. Splashy styles can be found at big box stores for inexpensive prices.
- Hide-and-seek: Use invisible knobs, which cost less than a dollar each and



help to give a streamlined look to cupboard doors and drawers

Work some industrial magic: Install outdoor-style lighting to help give your kitchen a hip industrial look

WHEN STAIN REMOVAL IS COUCHED IN DIFFICULTY

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Dear Charles the butler,

I have a very dirty microfibre couch and no idea how to clean it. The instructions said dish soap/water, but that just leaves a water stain, which looks worse. Thanks

Trevor

Dear Trevor,

You are absolutely correct. Generally when you treat a single stain in a specific location you run a high risk of creating a different spot.

This new spot is the "treated" area and it becomes a different colour from the rest of the fabric that hasn't been treated.

So often "spot" cleaning can be very tricky if you are not a professional. Remember that professionals bring years of experience and often are worth the investment. In order to correctly remove a stain, you must know what the stain is so that you can use the correct treatment for best results.

Usually for a piece of upholstered fabric you need to treat then clean either the entire cushion or the entire couch.I have absolutely no connection with Bissell but I have used their Portable Deep Cleaner with great success. This has worked for me to clean both an individual stain and the entire chair or couch.

One final note, don't let items get too dirty. The dirtier an item, the harder it is to clean, and testing your cleaning product/technique somewhere where it will not be seen is always a good idea!

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Caps can't quell Karlsson

Sens blueliner sets franchise standard in assists Michalek surpasses career-high in goals



Erik Karlsson and Milan Michalek each had three points Wednesday as the Ottawa Senators defeated the Washington Capitals 5-2

Karlsson finished with a goal and two assists to set a new franchise record for assists by a defenceman in a season with 47.

The 21-year-old has seven points in his last two games. His 60 points on the season give him a 20-point lead on Florida's Brian Campbell for the NHL lead in scoring by a defenceman.

Michalek added two goals and an assist, while Chris Phillips, with his fourth goal in six games, also scored for Ottawa (32-22-8). Nick Foligno, with his first goal in 19 games, scored in to an empty net.

Craig Anderson was solid facing 35 shots to pick up the win.

John Carlson and Mathieu Perreault replied for the

Capitals (29-26-5). Tomas Vokoun allowed four goals on 11 shots before being replaced midway through the second by Michal Neuvirth.

He finished with 14 saves. Ottawa jumped out to a 2-0 lead on the back of Karlsson.

The smooth-skating defenceman opened the scoring at the nine-minute mark of the first with a shot 21-4
Ottawa has outscored its opponents 21-4 in its last four games.

that beat Vokoun through the legs. Five minutes later Karlsson fed Michalek who made a great move around Dennis Wideman before beating Vokoun in close.

Michalek added his second of the night on a deflection off of Karlsson's shot on the power play early in the second. Michalek's 27th of the season set a new career-high.

Vokoun's night came to an end after Phillips made it 4-0 midway through the period

With just one victory in

their last seven starts, the Capitals are desperate to get their post-season push back on track. It didn't help that Alex Ovechkin missed the game with a lower body injury and is listed as day-to-day.

Despite being in a huge hole, Washington showed some jump in the third period to cut the Ottawa lead to 4-2. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Santos, Cordero solidify back of Jays' bullpen

Toronto Blue Jays manager John Farrell has one less decision to make this sea-

He knew before spring training even started how the back of the Blue Jays' bullpen would look: Sergio Santos will be his closer and Francisco Cordero the setup man.

The starting rotation? He's far less certain about that.

Coming into camp, Farrell envisions a starting rotation of Ricky Romero, Brandon Morrow, Brett Cecil, Henderson Alvarez and Dustin McGowan. But he said, "that doesn't mean that starters Kyle Drabek, Aaron Laffey, guys that are in camp here, (don't) have an opportunity to make this club."

Farrell added: "We're also looking forward to the exposure that (minor league prospects Drew) Hutchison, (Chad) Jenkins, (Deck) McGuire are going to get to make an impression."

The Blue Jays acquired Santos in a trade with the White Sox after he saved 30 games in his first season as closer for Chicago and second in the big leagues over all. Cordero had 37 saves for Cincinnati



in 2011 but he signed a one-year, \$4.5 million free agent contract to pitch the eighth inning for the Blue Jays. "When you look at the acquisition of Sergio, he gives us that one guy to really go back to that's a little more clear cut today going into 2012," Farrell said Wednesday after half the Blue Jays' pitchers went through their first workout. The other half will do it Thursday.

"Nothing against the group that was here a year ago, but it's just a more defined closer to let everyone slot in prior to getting to him," Farrell said about Frank Francisco, who had 17 of Toronto's 33 saves, and Jon Rauch (11).

The setup man doesn't

have the cachet that goes with being a closer. But Farrell said baseball people who have worked with Cordero call him "a complete team player. And the fact that he's been a very good closer in his career (327 saves, 3.17 ERA over 13 seasons), he knew the situation he was coming into.

"He's accepting of that eighth-inning role and I think that speaks more about him as a person," Farrell said. "You can look at the numbers and clearly see the success he's had late in the game."

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CON	FER	EN(Œ									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	58	38	15	1	4	161	118	81	19-7-0-2	19-8-1-2	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Boston	57	35	20	1	1	190	132	72	18-10-1-1	17-10-0-0	4-6-0-0	L2
d-Florida	58	27	20	5	6	144	162	65	14-8-1-6	13-12-4-0	5-5-0-0	L3
New Jersey	59	35	20	1	3	168	162	74	16-10-0-3	19-10-1-0	8-1-0-1	W4
Philadelphia	59	33	19	2	5	198	181	73	14-10-1-4	19-9-1-1	4-5-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	60	34	21	2	3	186	160	73	18-8-2-0	16-13-0-3	5-4-0-1	W1
Ottawa	61	31	22	6	2	185	183	70	15-11-2-1	16-11-4-1	4-4-2-0	W3
Toronto	60	29	24	4	3	181	184	65	16-9-3-2	13-15-1-1	4-5-1-0	L2
Winnipeg	62	29	26	4	3	157	175	65	18-9-1-2	11-17-3-1	5-4-1-0	L1
Washington	59	29	25	2	3	159	168	63	19-8-0-2	10-17-2-1	3-6-0-1	L2
Tampa Bay	59	27	26	3	3	166	197	60	18-9-1-1	9-17-2-2	5-3-2-0	W3
Buffalo	60	26	27	3	4	150	176	59	15-11-3-4	11-16-0-0	5-3-0-2	W2
NY Islanders	60	25	27	5	3	139	171	58	13-14-5-0	12-13-1-2	4-5-0-1	L2
Montreal	61	24	27	2	8	160	167	58	11-14-2-6	13-13-0-2	5-4-0-1	L2
Carolina	60	23	26	7	4	158	181	57	16-12-0-3	7-14-7-1	6-2-2-0	W1
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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GΑ	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	61	41	18	1	1	191	141	84	26-2-1-0	15-16-0-1	7-2-0-1	L1
d-Vancouver	60	38	16	0	6	195	147	82	18-6-0-4	20-10-0-2	7-1-0-2	L1
d-San Jose	58	31	20	4	3	170	148	69	18-9-2-0	13-11-2-3	3-6-1-0	L4
St. Louis	59	36	16	1	6	150	117	79	26-3-1-3	10-13-0-3	7-3-0-0	L1
Nashville	60	35	19	3	3	168	155	76	19-7-2-2	16-12-1-1	5-3-0-2	W2
Chicago	61	33	21	4	3	191	179	73	21-6-1-3	12-15-3-0	4-6-0-0	W4
Phoenix	60	30	21	3	6	157	151	69	16-10-2-2	14-11-1-4	8-1-0-1	W3
Los Angeles	60	27	21	5	7	128	131	66	15-13-0-4	12-8-5-3	3-5-1-1	L3
Calgary	60	28	23	5	4	143	161	65	16-9-1-1	12-14-4-3	5-2-2-1	L1
Dallas	60	30	26	1	3	155	167	64	16-12-0-2	14-14-1-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Colorado	60	29	27	3	1	151	168	62	16-13-0-1	13-14-3-0	3-5-1-1	L1
Minnesota	59	26	24	2	7	131	154	61	14-10-1-3	12-14-1-4	2-6-0-2	W1
Anaheim	60	25	25	4	6	154	171	60	15-13-2-0	10-12-2-6	6-1-1-2	L1
Edmonton	59	23	30	2	4	159	178	52	15-10-2-2	8-20-0-2	5-4-1-0	W1
Columbus	60	18	35	2	5	142	198	43	11-16-1-2	7-19-1-3	5-4-1-0	W1
d — division leaders	ranke	d 1-2	-3 re	onard	less	of no	ints: a	tear	n winning i	in overtime	or shooto	ut is

credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's result:					Giroux, Pha	23	47	70
Washington at Otta	awa				Spezza, Ott	27	38	65
Boston at St. Louis					Kessel, Tor	31	33	64
Los Angeles at Colo	rado				H.Sedin, Vcr	13	51	64
Tuesday's results					Lupul, Tor	23	39	62
Edmonton 6 Calgary	/1				D.Sedin, Vcr	26	35	61
Dallas 3 Montreal 0					Pominville, Buf	23	36	59
Nashville 3 Vancouv	ver 1				Datsyuk, Det	16	43 32	59 58
New Jersey 4 Toron	to 3 (OT)				Eberle, Edm Kovalchuk, NJ	26 25	33	58 58
Philadelphia 5 Winn					Tavares, NYI	25	34	58
Buffalo 2 N.Y. Island					Hossa, Chi	24	35	58
Chicago 2 Detroit 1					Neal, Pgh	30	27	57
Columbus 6 San Jos	e 3				Toews, Chi	29	28	57
Phoenix 5 Los Ange					Karlsson, Ott	12	45	57
Pittsburgh 2 N.Y. Ra					Hartnell, Pha	28	28	56
Tampa Bay 3 Anahe					Elias, NJ	19	37	56
Tonight's games	2				Ra.Whitney, Phx	16	38	54
San Jose at Toronto	7 n m				Parenteau, NYI	12	42	54
Anaheim at Carolina					Selanne, Ana	20	33	53
Minnesota at Florid					Thornton, SJ	13	40	53
Vancouver at Detro					Vrbata, Phx	30	22	52
St. Louis at Nashvil					St. Louis, TB	18	34	52
Tampa Bay at Winn					Couture, SJ	27	24	51
		.111.			Sharp, Chi	24	27	51
Dallas at Chicago, 8					Parise, NJ	22	29	51
Phoenix at Calgary,					Kopitar, LA	17	34	51
Philadelphia at Edm		p.m.			Gaborik, NYR	27	23	50
Tomorrow's games					Moulson, NYI	25	25	50
Vancouver at New J					Eriksson, Dal	18	32	50
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y.					O.Jokinen, Cal	18	31	49
Montreal at Washir					E.Staal, Car	18 17	31 32	49
Colorado at Columb					Benn, Dal	17	36	49 49
Boston at Buffalo, 7					P.Kane, Chi Perry, Ana	13 29	36 19	49
Minnesota at Dallas	s, 8:30 p.m.				Versteeg, Fla	29	26	48
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Stamkos, TB	33 42	28	70		Not including last n			47

LATE TUESDAY

COYOTES 5, KINGS 4 (SO)

First Period

1. Los Angeles, Doughty 6 (Brown, King) 6:18 2. Los Angeles, Loktionov 3 (Martinez, Greene) 12:32

3. Los Angeles, Brown 14 (Mitchell, Richards)

Penalties — None Second Period

4. Phoenix, Vrbata 29 (Hanzal, Whitney) 0:50 (pp)

5. Phoenix, Doan 17 (Hanzal, Vrbata) 5:26 (pp) 6. Los Angeles, Williams 12 (Kopitar, Richards) 11:51 (pp)

7 Phoenix, Doan 18 (Hanzal, Kornikoski) 17:07 Penalties - Johnson LA (holding) 0:28, Greene LA (tripping) 5:15, Summers Pho (hooking) 6:38, Aucoin Pho (high-sticking) 10:49, Greene LA (tripping) 13:02.

Third Period

8. Phoenix, Vrbata 30 (Korpikoski) 17:33 (pp) Penalties - Kopitar LA (interference) 4:48. Torres Pho (tripping) 6:50, Clifford LA (tripping) 11:23, Clifford LA (match penalty), Yan dle Pho (roughing) 13:47.

Overtime

No Scoring. Penalties — None

Shootout

Phoenix wins 2-1

Los Angeles (1) — Richards, miss; Brown. goal; Johnson, miss; Phoenix (2) — Whitney, goal; Vrbata, miss; Boedker, goal.

Los Angeles	14	10	4	1-29
Phoenix	5	14	7	3-29
Goal — Los Angeles:	Quick	(L,24	l-16	-11);
Phoenix: Smith (W,2	26-14-	7). P o	wer	plays
(goals-chances) — L	os Ang	geles:	1-3	; Phoen

Att. — 10,842 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

HAWKS 2, WINGS 1

First Period

1. Detroit, V.Filppula 17 (Kindl, Hudler) 2:22 (pp)

Penalties - Kruger Chi (tripping) 0:34, Holm strom Det (tripping) 6:09, Hudler Det (interference) 12:30

Second Period

2. Chicago, Hayes 5 (Bickell, Keith) 7:45 Penalties - Morrison Chi (slashing) 3:15. Seabrook Chi (holding) 10:46, Helm Det (tripning) 14·13

Third Period

3. Chicago, Kruger 7 (Brunette, Hayes) 1:53 Penalties - None.

Shots

Detroit	9	16	7	
Chicago	10	12	7	2
Goal - Detroit: Howard (I	,32-	12-1); Chic	ago:
Crawford (W 22-14-5)				

Power plays (goals-chances) — Detroit: 1-3;

Chicago: 0-3.

Referees — Stephane Auger, Chris Lee. Linesmen - David Brisebois, Mike Cvik. Att. — 22,027 (19,717) at Chicago

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SECOND ROUND

Yesterday's result Manchester City 4 (England), FC Porto (Portugal) 0 (Manchester City advances 6-1 on ag

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND

First Leg Yesterday's results

FC Basel (Switzerland) 1 Bayern Munich (Ger-

Marseille (France) 1 Inter Milan (Italy) 0 **ENGLAND**

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday's result Hull 0 Brighton 0

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results Celtic 2 Dunfermline 0 Motherwell 4 Hibernian 3

FRANCE

LIGUE 1

Yesterday's results Sochaux 0 Lille 1

Saint-Etienne 4 Lorient 2 Caen 2 Auxerre 1

ITALY

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Vesterday's results Siena 0 Catania 1

TRANSACTIONS

WINNIPEG BLUE ROMBERS—Named Will Ple mons defensive line coach and Chip Garber linebackers coach.

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DALLAS STARS—Placed C Jake Dowell on injured reserve, retroactive to Feb. 21. Recalled F Matt Fraser from Texas (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Reassigned F Chris

Mueller to Milwaukee (AHL). NEW YORK ISLANDERS-Sent D Ty Wishart

to Bridgeport (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Acquired C Antoine Ver-

mette from Columbus for G Curtis McElhinney, a 2012 second-round draft pick and a 2013 fifth-round draft pick. WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled F Keith

Aucoin from Hershey (AHL).

MONTREAL IMPACT—Announced the retire ment of D-MF Simon Gatti, who will coach the U14 team of the Impact Academy.

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Provinc	e (skip)	W	-
Manito	ba (J.Jones)	6	- 2
Canada	(Holland)	6	1
B.C. (K	Scott)	6	- 3
New Br	runswick (Atkinson)	5	1
Quebec	(Larouche)	5	
Alberta	(Nedohin)	5	
Saskat	chewan (Englot)	4	
Ontario	(Horgan)	4	
Nova S	cotia (Smith-Dacey)	3	
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Yesterday's results Draw 12

New Brunswick 6 Ontario 5 Nova Scotia 7 Canada 6 (extra end) Manitoba 8 British Columbia 6 (extra end) Alberta 9 Saskatchewan 8

Draw 13
British Columbia 11 Northwest/Yukon Territo ries 6

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Ontario 7 Newfoundland & Labrador 4 Canada 10 P.E.I. 4

Draw 14 P.E.I. vs. Nova Scotia; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. New Brunswick; Quebec vs. Saskatchewan; Manitoba vs. North-

west/Yukon Territories. Tuesday's results

Minth Dray

Manitoba 8 Nova Scotia 3 Newfoundland & Labrador 8 P.E.I. 4 Quebec 7 Northwest/Yukon Territories 5 Saskatchewan 11 New Brunswick 6

Draw 10 Alberta 7 British Columbia 4 Canada 9 Ontario 4 Manitoba 8 Saskatchewan 7 (extra end) New Brunswick 8 Nova Scotia 4

Draw 11

Alberta 10 P.E.I. 5 Aribei A Dr. F.J. 3 British Columbia 11 Newfoundland & Labrador 7 Ontario 12 Northwest/Yukon Territories 2 Quebec 8 Canada 5 (extra end)

Today's games

Draw 15, 10:30 a.m.
Alberta vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; British
Columbia vs. P.E.I.; Canada vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories: Quebec vs. Ontario.

Draw 16, 3:30 p.m.

Manitoba vs. Quebec; Saskatchewan vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories; New Brunswick vs. P.E.I.; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Nova

Scotia. Draw 17, 9:30 p.m.

Canada vs. Saskatchewan: Ontario vs. Manitoba; Alberta vs. Nova Scotia; New Brunswick vs. British Columbia. Tiebreakers (if required) One Draw - Friday, 10 a.m.

Two Draws — Friday, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Three Draws — Friday, 10 a.m., 3 and 9:30

Tomorrow's games Page Playoffs

One vs. Two, 9:30 p.m. Saturday's games

Page Playoffs

Three vs. Four, 1 p.m.

Semifinal
One/Two loser vs. Three/Four winner, 6 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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d-Miami	26	7	.788	_
d-Chicago	26	8	.765	1/2
Orlando	21	12	.636	5
d-Philadelphia	20	13	.606	6
Indiana	20	12	.625	51/2
Atlanta	19	13	.594	61/2
New York	16	17	.485	10
Boston	15	16	.484	10
Cleveland	13	17	.433	111/2
Milwaukee	13	19	.406	121/2
Detroit	11	23	.324	151/2
New Jersey	10	24	.294	161/2
Toronto	9	23	.281	161/2
Washington	7	25	.219	181/2
Charlotte	4	27	.129	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	VV	L	PCT	GB
d-Oklahoma City	25	7	.781	_
d-San Antonio	23	10	.697	21/2
Dallas	21	12	.636	41/2
d-L.A. Clippers	19	11	.633	5
L.A. Lakers	19	13	.594	6
Houston	19	14	.576	61/2
Memphis	19	15	.559	7
Denver	18	15	.545	71/2
Portland	18	16	.529	8
Minnesota	16	17	.485	91/2
Utah	15	16	.484	91/2
Phoenix	14	19	.424	111/2
Golden State	12	17	.414	111/2
Sacramento	10	22	.313	15
New Orleans	7	25	.219	18
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regardless of record. Last night's results

Roston at Oklahoma City Indiana at Charlotte New Orleans at Cleveland Detroit at Toronto
Sacramento at Washington

Orlando at New Jersey Atlanta at New York

Milwaukee at Chicago Philadelphia at Houston

Utah at Minnesota Golden State at Phoenix L.A. Lakers at Dallas

Denver at L.A. Clippers

Tuesday's Games Cleveland 101, Detroit 100 Indiana 117, New Orleans 108, OT

Miami 120, Sacramento 108 Memphis 89, Philadelphia 76 Portland 137, San Antonio 97

Tonight's games New York at Miami, 7 p.m. Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL

Rochester at Toronto Philadelphia at Edmonton

Calgary at Colorado Minnesota at Washington Saturday's results Philadelphia 14 Toronto 8 Rochester 15 Washington 12 Colorado 12 Minnesota 7

Calgary 12 Edmonton 8

Saturday, Feb. 25 NLL All-star Game at Buffalo, N.Y., 7 p.m.

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Linsanity is on its way to Miami, and the Heat can finally say they're eager for the arrival.

It may be the NBA's marquee matchup so far this season, the phenomenon that is New York Knicks guard Jeremy Lin taking centre stage in Miami on Thursday against the NBAleading Heat in both sides' finale before the All-Star break. Online ticket broreported early Wednesday that the aver-



age price of a seat on the resale markets is about \$600. Unless you want courtside seats, that is. They run about \$8,000 each.

"It's not about Jeremy Lin versus LeBron James,

"It could be one of the most watched games we've had in a long time, especially with what Jeremy Lin is doing."

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Heat guard Dwyane Wade said. "It's the Miami Heat versus the New York Knicks.'

But the Lin story has already seemed to crank the intensity of the rivalry up

several more notches. Some Heat players and coaches have been getting asked about this matchup for more than a week already.

Entering Wednesday's game against Atlanta, New York was 8-2 with Lin in the rotation, and he's averaging 24.6 points and 9.2 assists in that stretch.

"The kid deserves it, he's worked hard, he's a great story," Wade said. "But for us, it's another game — a big game — and a chance to get a win."

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Crossword

Across

- 1 Beige
- 5 Owns 8 Excellent, in slang
- 12 "You've got -
- 13 Individual
- 14 Wealth source
- 15 "- She Lovely"
- 16 Periodical, for short
- 17 Congregation's cry
- 18 Government in
- power 20 Stress
- 22 Wrestling surface
- 23 Towel designation 24 Vocal comeback
- 27 Snake-related
- 32 To and -
- 33 Personal question?
- 34 Ernesto Guevara
- 35 Middle-ear mem-
- 38 Old card game
- 39 Shade source 40 Ram's mate
- 42 Of Hebrew de-
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- 49 Shaving cream ad-
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- 52 Tardy
- 53 Catherine, Henry
- VIII's sixth wife
- 54 Moreover
- 55 Grand story
- 56 BPOE members 57 Deposit
- 58 Dilbert's workplace
- Down
- 1 Eastern potentate
- 2 24 bottles 3 Peal
- 6 Literary collection 7 Genesis name 8 Tranquil

4 In the preceding

- 11 Camper's shelter
- 21 Actor McBride
- 25 Weep
- 26 Student's assign-

- 5 Where you grew up
- 9 Nostalgic, in a way
- 10 Port of Yemen
- 19 Mother
- 24 Salamander
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- 28 Dien Bien (Vietnam city)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and

Yesterday's answer ▶

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You, I really thought you were the perfect one for me. Everything really clicked, or at least I thought it did. I quess I'm just prone to getting hurt way too much. No matter what airl vou find now. I'll always love you a lot. Just because you never felt the same way, doesn't mean it'll change how I feel. You're really a great guy, I hope you know that. AEROPLANE OVER THE SEA

Today's horoscope

TAries March 21-April 20

Both at home and at work you will he called on to shoulder heavy hurdens over the next 24 hours

¥ Taurus April 21-May 21 With so many cosmic influences

working in your favour now there is precious little you can do that will be perceived as wrong.

II Gemini May 22-June 21

The sooner you assert your authority, the sooner you will get what you want. That applies to all areas. Gancer June 22-July 22

Your pace of life may be too hectic for some people but the Sun in sympathetic Pisces means you thrive on the pressure.

Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23

Making money comes easy to you now but the question is: can you hang on to it? Don't waste what you earn on luxury goods.

W Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

You can expect some rather amazing things to happen today, but they will be even more amazing if you make them happen yourself. **← Libra** Sept. 23-0ct. 23

You are worrying for no reason. Channel fears into creative activi-

ties to turn negative into positive. M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

The planets urge you to be more active, more assertive and more ambitious. It's a creative time.

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₹ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec.

21 So many things are changing now that it may all be a bit of a blur but vou're naturally flexible.

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Nothing can hold you back today. Nothing can dent your self-belief.

You were born to be a winner. ^e Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't worry if something of value goes out of your life. What comes in will make up for it.

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Make sure those who mean the most to you can see how much you

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